



EDWARD J. KORNISH

Twenty-nine (29) years honorable service in U.S. Army and Army National Guard

Colonel, Military Police Corps, West Virginia Army National Guard

Deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during *Operation Desert Storm*, to Bosnia-Herzegovina during *Operation Joint Endeavor*, and to Afghanistan during *Operation Joint Endeavor*

Education

Army War College Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, *Austin, Texas*

Army War College Graduate, June 1999

University of Puget Sound School of Law, *Tacoma, Washington*

Juris Doctor, May 1989

United States Military Academy, *West Point, New York*

Bachelor of Science, June 1978

Welch High School, *Welch, West Virginia*

High School Diploma, June 1974

Professional experience

Commander, Regional Police Advisory Command - South (RPAC-S), *Kandahar, Afghanistan* - May 2007 to Present. Command 15 Police Mentoring Teams (PMTs) and mentor Regional Chief of Police.

Director of Military Support to Civil Authority, Joint Force Headquarters, *Charleston, WV* - April 2005 to April 2007. Joint force headquarters staff officer in charge of military support to civil authorities.

Battalion Commander, 151st Military Police Battalion, *South Charleston, WV* - March 2003 to March 2005. First Battalion Commander of West Virginia National Guard's Military Police Battalion. Successfully deployed 3 Military Police Companies to Iraq for one-year tours and brought every soldier home. Stood up 2 new Military Police Companies, reorganized another and stood up a new Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD).

Deputy Brigade Commander, 77 Troop Command Brigade, *South Charleston, WV* - October 2002 to February 2003. Served as senior staff officer for Brigade Staff and assumed command in Brigade Commander's absence.

Operations Officer, 156th Military Police Detachment (L&O), *Monaville, WV* - October 2001 to September 2002. Senior officer in Military Police Law and Order Detachment comprised of military police investigation teams, accident investigation teams, and force protection teams.

Operations Officer, 152nd Military Police Detachment (L&O), *Moorefield, WV* - October 2000 to September 2001. Senior officer in Military Police Law and Order Detachment comprised of military police investigation teams, accident investigation teams, and force protection teams.

Commander, 35th Civil Support Team (WMD), *Charleston, WV* - July 1999 to September 2000. Stood up and served as first commander of West Virginia's emergency response unit that formed to respond to the consequences of domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction (chemical, nuclear or radiological, and biological weapons). This unit responds to civil emergencies involving military or industrial chemicals, radiological or nuclear materials, and catastrophic biological events.

Operations Officer, 156th Military Police Detachment (L&O), *Monaville, WV* - July 1998 to June 1999. Senior officer in Military Police Law and Order Detachment comprised of military police investigation teams, accident investigation teams, and force protection teams.

Operations Officer, 152nd Military Police Detachment (PWIC), *Moundsville, WV* - September 1997 to June 1998. Senior officer for Military Police Prisoner of War Information Center (PWIC).

Plans Officer, 152nd Military Police Detachment (PWIC), *Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina* - December 1995 to August 1996. Plans Officer for one of the few reserve units deployed to Bosnia during the initial NATO deployment. Organized as an enemy prisoner of war unit but tasked to develop and implement *Task Force Eagle's* base access control policy for 32 operational fire bases in the U.S. Sector of Bosnia during *Operation Joint Endeavor*.

Battalion Executive Officer, Troop Command, *Charleston, WV* - December 1993 to November 1995. Executive Officer for the West Virginia National Guard's Troop Command Battalion comprised of a military police company, military police detachment, truck company, maintenance company, public affairs detachment, band, medevac helicopter company, scout helicopter detachment, and aviation maintenance detachment.

Battalion Operations Officer, Troop Command, *Charleston, WV* - July 1991 to November 1993. Operations Officer for the West Virginia National Guard's Troop Command Battalion comprised of a military police company, military police detachment, truck company, maintenance company, public affairs detachment, band, medevac helicopter company, scout helicopter detachment, and aviation maintenance detachment.

Liaison Officer, 152nd Military Police Detachment (PWIC), *The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia* - December 1990 to July 1991. Liaison officer between PWIC and 800th Military Police Brigade and 4 EPW Camps, the International Red Cross, and the Saudi Arabian EPW camps. Unit was responsible for by-name accountability of over 69,000 enemy prisoners-of-war captured by the United States, French, and British allied forces.

Aide-de-Camp, The Adjutant General, West Virginia Army National Guard, *Charleston, WV* - July 1990 to November 1990.

Instructor, Officer Candidate School, Illinois Army National Guard, *Springfield, Illinois* - January 1989 to June 1990.

Individual Ready Reserve, July 1987 to December 1988.

Regular Army Service: 1st Cavalry Division, U. S. Army Recruiting Command, and 3rd Infantry Division - various assignments including assignments as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, and Battalion Training Officer, *Fort Hood, Texas; Seattle, Washington; and Aschaffenburg and Wuertzburg, Federal Republic of Germany* - July 1978 to June 1989.

Cadet, United States Military Academy, *West Point, New York* - July 1974 to June 1978.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, McDowell County, West Virginia
July 2005 to Present. Duties include all phases of criminal prosecution from juvenile proceedings (abuse, neglect, and delinquency); misdemeanor trials in magistrate court, to felony trials in circuit court (primarily drug dealers, rapists and child molesters).

State Drug Prosecutor, West Virginia Prosecuting Attorney's Institute, and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, *Charleston, West Virginia*
March 2004 to June 2005. Prosecuted drug dealers and gun runners in federal court in Southern West Virginia (Bluefield, Beckley, Charleston and Huntington).

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, McDowell County, West Virginia
January 1993 to February 2004. Duties include all phases of criminal prosecution from juvenile proceedings (abuse, neglect, and delinquency), misdemeanor trials in magistrate court, to felony trials in circuit court (primarily drug distribution or violent crimes).

Assistant Public Defender, McDowell County, West Virginia
July 1991 to December 1992. Duties included all phases of criminal defense. Successfully employed an insanity defense at trial in a malicious wounding case in the only successful attempt in McDowell County in the last 8 years.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, McDowell County, West Virginia
May 1990 to June 1991. Duties included all phases of criminal prosecution.

Professional activities

Member, American Legion Post 8 and Forty and Eight, Welch, WV

Member, Vietnam Veterans of America

Member, National Guard Association of West Virginia and United States

Acting Chairman, McDowell County Multidisciplinary Team for Child Sexual Assault Cases

Director, McDowell County STOP Violence against Women Team

Director, McDowell County Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Program

Military Awards

Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th award), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM - 2nd award), various other service ribbons and campaign medals including Liberation of Kuwait for *Operation Desert Storm* service and the NATO Medal for service in Bosnia-Herzegovina.